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In the literary magazine, n+1, John Davidson, an Alaska resident and commercial fisherman, shares the intensity of life on a fishing boat in Bristol Bay and why so many residents oppose Pebble Mine:

"The mineable body of ore at Pebble is thirty times larger than the largest mine in Alaska. If built, the mine itself would be two miles long, a mile and a half wide, and about 1,700 feet deep. It would require the construction of more than 100 miles of roads and bridges, long-distance power transmission lines, pipelines for process water, pipelines for fuel, and a tailings dam 450 feet tall to contain the billions of tons of toxic mining residue the mine will produce. Any accident or earthquake (Pebble Mine sits on a fault line) will pollute Bristol Bay's freshwater tributaries and wetlands with acid mine runoff, heavy metals, and process chemicals."

A superior court judge has deferred ruling on the "Save our Salmon" initiative to put large scale mining to a vote of the people, clearing the way for the measure to go on the ballot in October. Now the Lake and Peninsula borough, in which the proposed Pebble Mine would be sited, can have a say on mega development in its own territory.

Pebble ally Greg Anelon says Pebble Mine means jobs for locals, conveniently ignoring the small number of estimated jobs that would actually go to people in the region, or the thousands of jobs that could be lost if any damage occurs to the area's clean waters from mine runoff. And, Pebble partner Anglo American faces labor strikes worldwide as pay, conditions, and worker rights come into question in South America, Africa, and Australia.

Here's a weekly roundup of media. For more information, go to www.SaveBristolBay.org

On Bristol Bay

John Davidson
N+1

About half the world's supply of wild salmon comes from a system of rivers, lakes, and streams in western Alaska that empties into Bristol Bay, a relatively shallow body of water roughly 250 miles long and 180 miles wide. Every summer, 40 million sockeye salmon enter the bay... [Click here to read more](#)

Judge defers ruling on summary judgment on mining initiative
Margaret Bauman

Alaska Newspapers

Alaska Superior Court Judge John Suddock has deferred a ruling on summary judgment motions for an initiative on Lake and Peninsula Borough's October election ballot, a measure that could affect development of proposed Pebble mine... [Click here to read more](#)

Bristol Bay mine project means jobs for Alaska Natives

Greg Anelon, Newhalen

Oregonian

I recently read a guest commentary in The Oregonian, "Bristol Bay mine could harm Oregonians' jobs" (July 6), in which an Ashland-based sport fishing guide opposed the Pebble Project in southwest Alaska. I am an Alaska native, a Bristol Bay commercial fisherman... [Click here to read more](#)

Beyond the road: Bristol Bay represents riches, survival to coastal communities

Chris Miller

First Alaskans Magazine

Bristol Bay is the most impressive gillnet fishery in the state in its total volume of fish and the sheer amount of effort put forward to catch and process the hoards of salmon returning to the meandering rivers and lakes that proliferate throughout the region... [Click here to read more](#)

Naknek Celebrates End of Fishing Season with 'Fishtival'

Daysha Eaton

KDLG

They were kicking up their heels in Naknek this weekend for 'Fishtival' – their end-of-the-fishing-season festival... [Click here to listen](#)

Gold Miners in South Africa to Join Strikes Hurting BHP, Anglo

Jesse Riseborough and Soraya Permatasari

Bloomberg Businessweek

South African gold miners plan to join workers across three continents striking over pay and disrupting production of raw materials from mines owned by BHP Billiton Ltd., Xstrata Plc and Anglo American Plc... [Click here to read more](#)

Rising costs may take shine off miners' bumper profits

Sonali Paul and Clara Ferreira-Marques

Reuters

Escalating costs for everything from worker salaries to diesel fuel and a sliding U.S. dollar may spoil the party for the world's top miners that are set to report record half-year profits thanks to continued strong demand and soaring prices... [Click here to read more](#)

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